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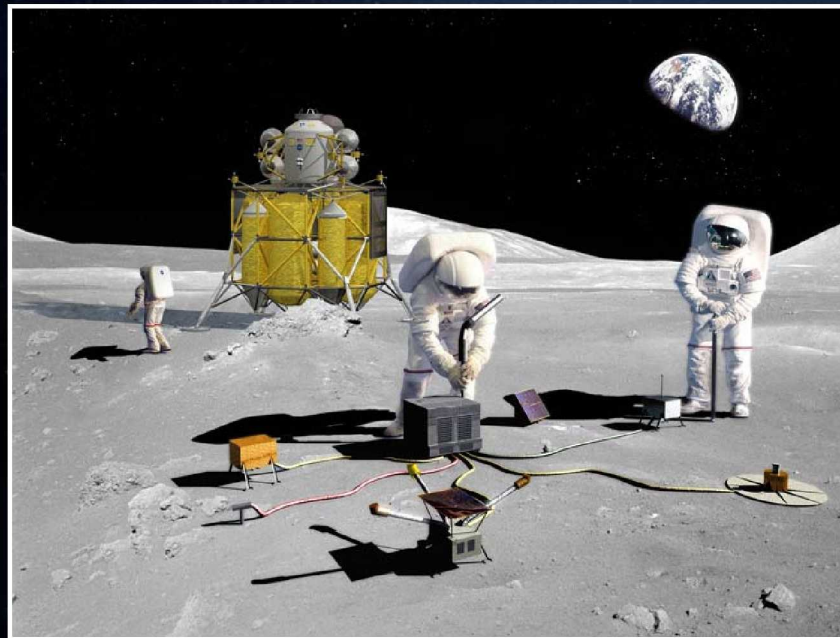
Ares I Upper Stage Element

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What is NASA's Mission?



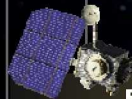
- ◆ **Safely fly the Space Shuttle until 2010**
- ◆ **Complete the International Space Station (ISS)**
- ◆ **Develop a balanced program of science, exploration, and aeronautics**
- ◆ **Develop and fly the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV)**
 - Designed for exploration but will initially service ISS
- ◆ **Land on the Moon no later than 2020**
- ◆ **Promote international and commercial participation in exploration**



NASA's Exploration Roadmap



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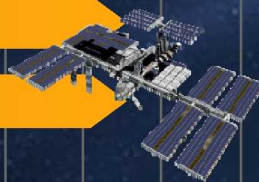
Exploration and Science Lunar Robotics Missions



Lunar Outpost Buildup

Research and Technology Development on ISS

Commercial Orbital Transportation Services for ISS



Space Shuttle Operations

SSP Transition

Ares I and Orion Development

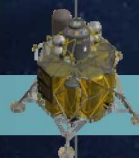
Operations Capability Development
(EVA Systems, Ground Operations, Mission Operations)



Ares I-X
Test Flight
October 2009

Orion and Ares I Production and Operation

Altair Development



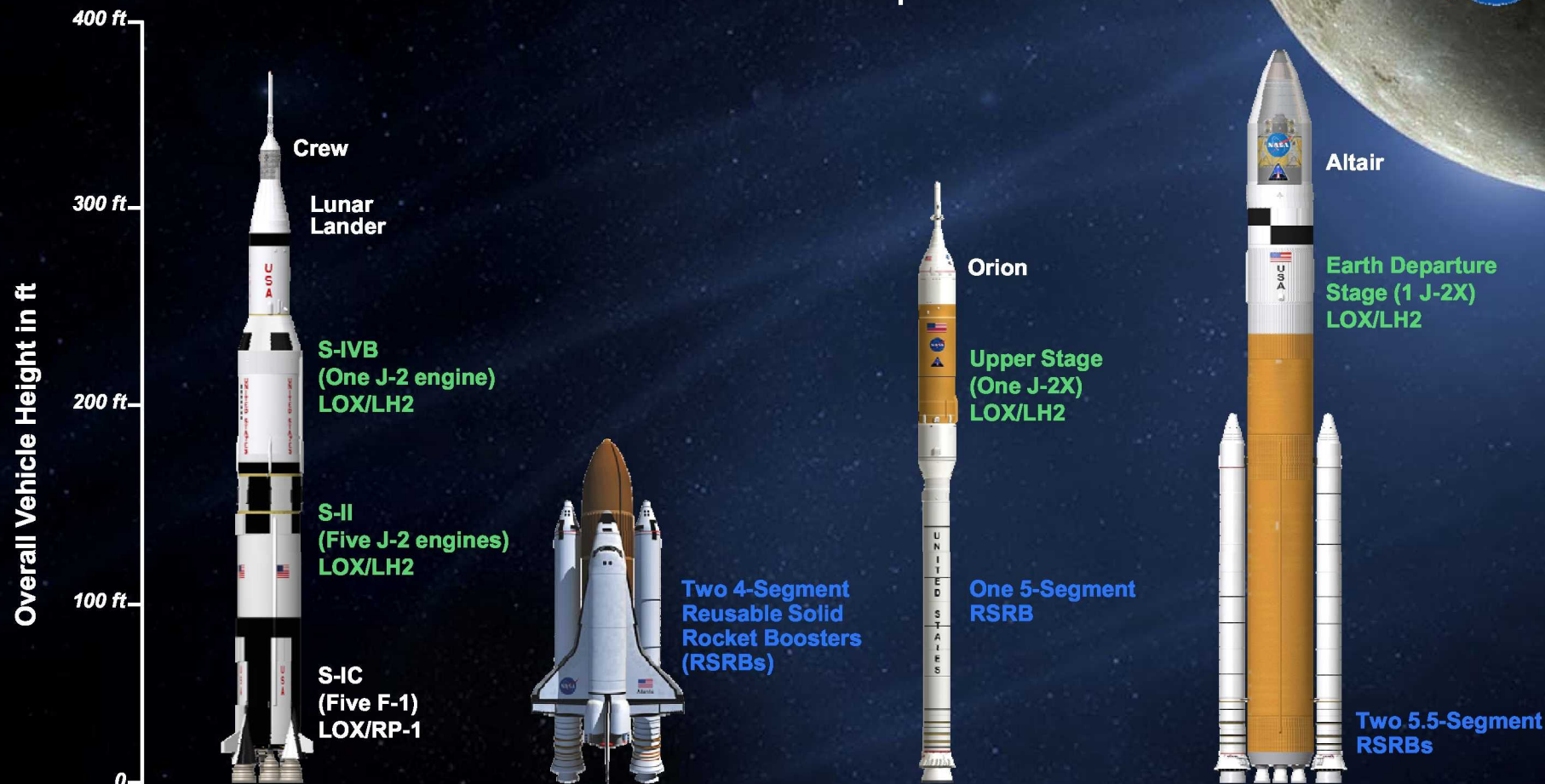
Ares V & Earth Departure Stage

Surface Systems Development



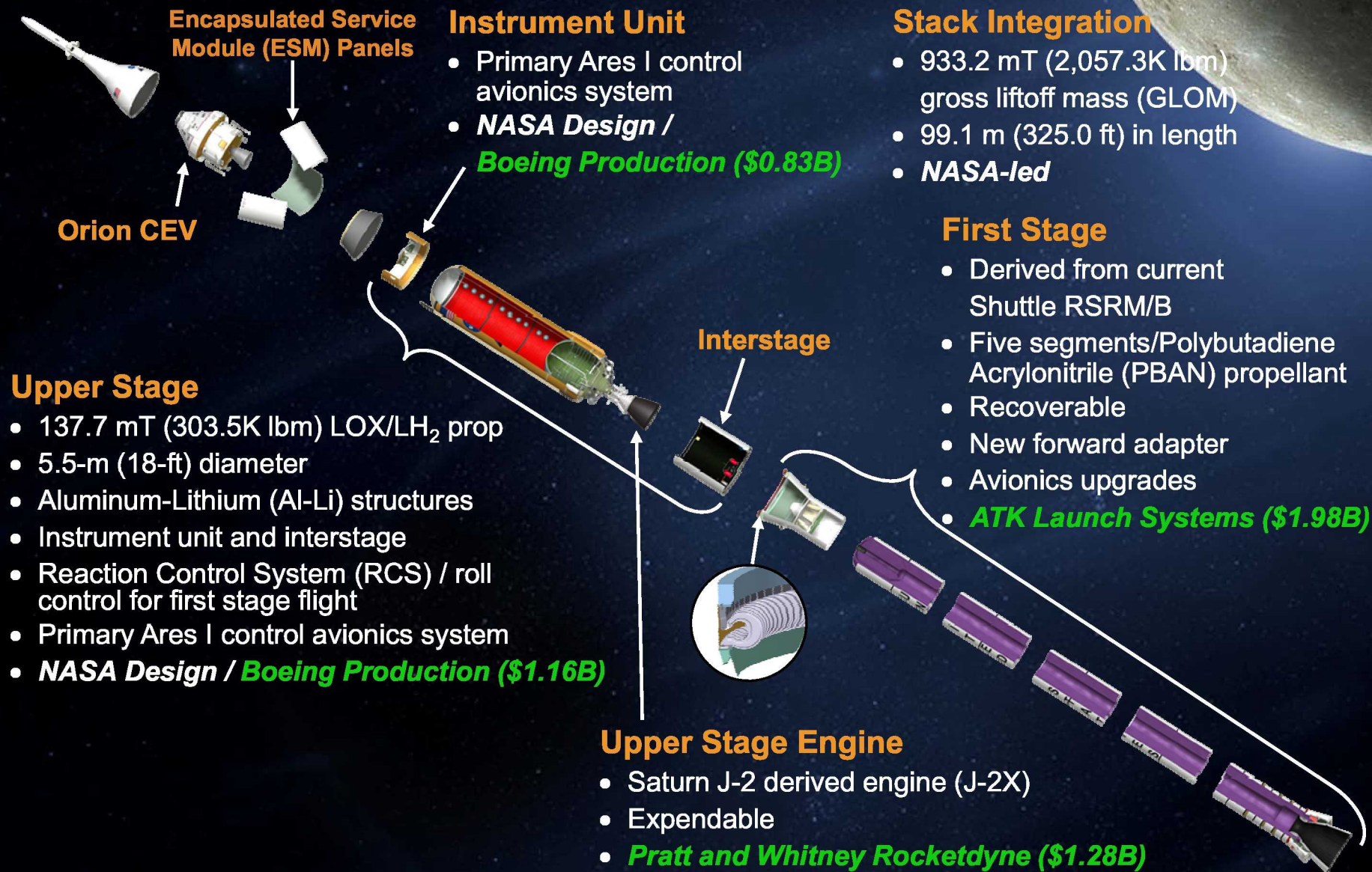
Building on a Foundation of Proven Technologies

- Launch Vehicle Comparisons -



	Saturn V: 1967–1972	Space Shuttle: 1981–Present	Ares I: First Flight 2015	Ares V: First Flight 2018
Height	360 ft	184.2 ft	325.0 ft	381.1 ft
Gross Liftoff Mass (GLOM)	2,948.4 mT (6,500K lbm)	2,041.1 mT (4,500.0K lbm)	933.2 mT (2,057.3K lbm)	3,704.5 mT (8,167.1K lbm)
Payload Capability	99.0K lbm to TLI 262.0K lbm to LEO	55.1K lbm to LEO	54.9K lbm to LEO	156.7K lbm to TLI with Ares I 413.8K lbm to LEO

Ares I Elements



Upper Stage



Instrument Unit
(Modern Electronics)

Helium Pressurization Bottles

Al-Li Orthogrid Tank Structure

LH₂ Tank

LOX Tank

Feed Systems

Common
Bulkhead

Ullage
Settling
Motors

Thrust Vector Control

Composite Interstage

Roll Control System

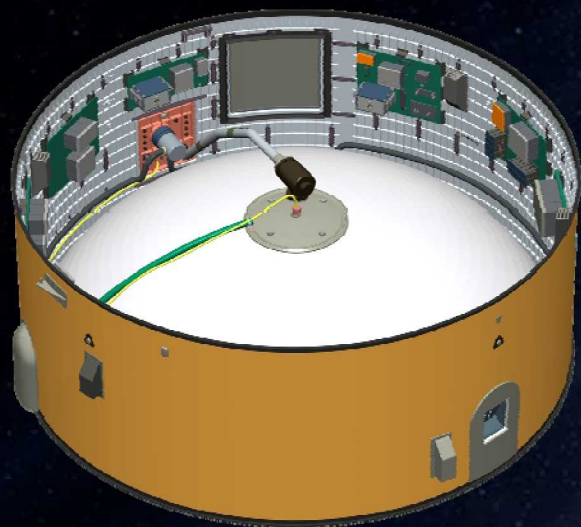
Propellant Load: 140 mT (308K lbm)
Total Mass: 161 mT (355K lbm)
Dry Mass: 16.2 mT (36K lbm)
Dry Mass (Interstage): 4.5 mT (10K lbm)
Length: 25.6 m (84 ft)
Diameter: 5.5 m (18 ft)
LOX Tank Pressure: 50 psig
LH₂ Tank Pressure: 42 psig



Upper Stage Avionics

The Upper Stage Avionics will provide:

- Guidance, Navigation, and Control (GN&C)
- Command and data handling
- Pre-flight checkout



Instrument Unit Avionics

Interstage Avionics

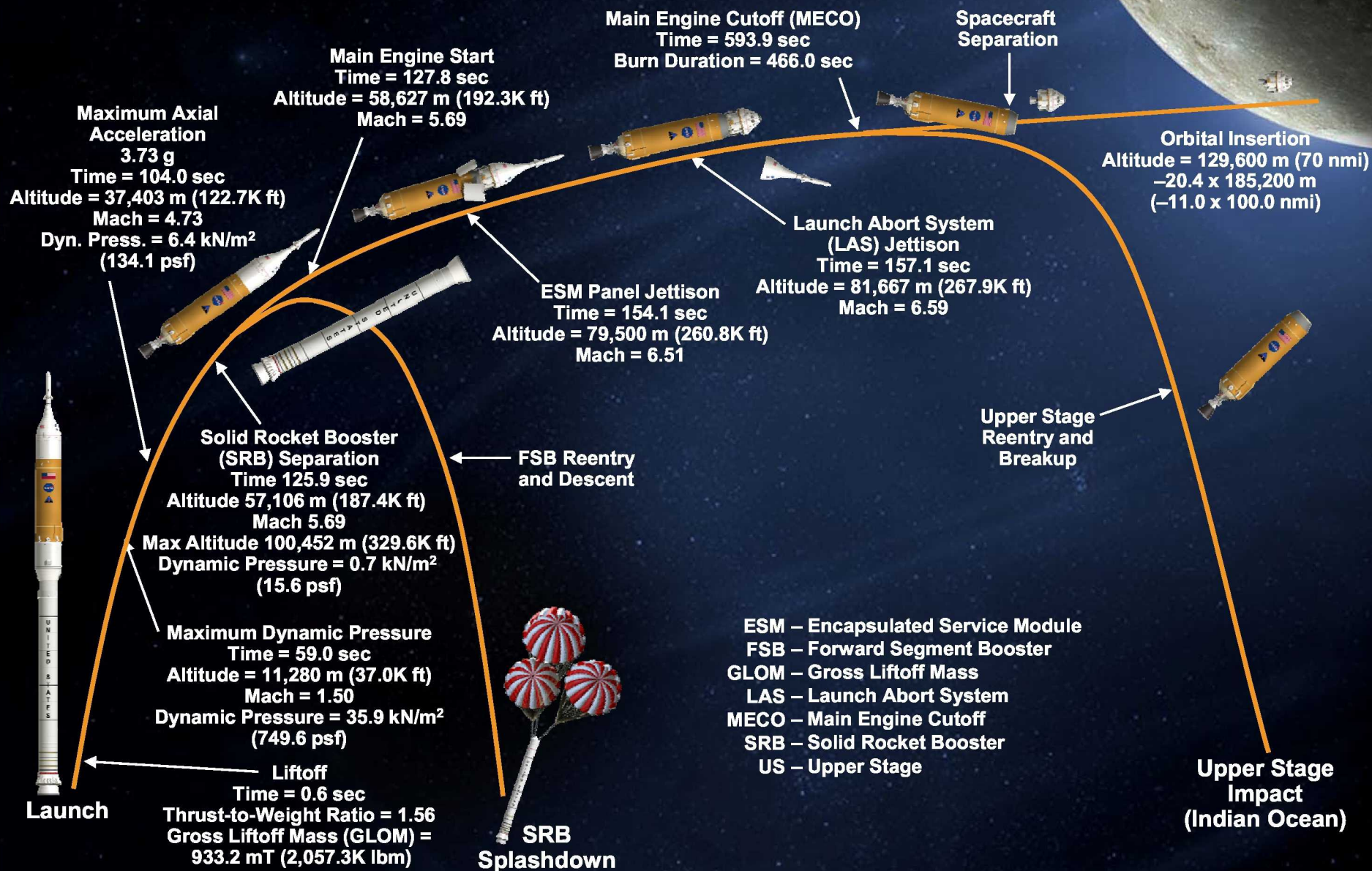
Thrust
Cone
Avionics

Aft Skirt Avionics



Avionics Mass: 1.1 mT (2,425 lbm)
Electrical Power: 5,145 Watts

Ares I Lunar Mission Profile



Upper Stage Objectives

◆ Upper Stage Primary Objectives:

- Provide Safe Upper Stage Operations and Flight
- Meet Performance Requirements
- Make it Affordable to Produce and Operate

◆ US Design and Production planning is at the appropriate maturity:

- Safety issues are understood and mitigated by design features and operations
- Requirements are understood and supported by the design
- Affordability opportunities are understood and included in the design
- Robust risk mitigation and advanced development activities are in place
- Management Systems and Engineering Processes are in place



Boeing Producibility Team



- ◆ **Boeing has been selected as Upper Stage Production Contractor (USPC) and Instrument Unit Avionics Contractor (IUAC)**

- Producibility and Design Support
- Manufacturing
- Operations
- Sustaining Engineering

- ◆ **Team is engaged with the NASA Design Team**

- Manufacturing Value Stream Mapping
- Producibility Summit
- Tooling Design Support
- Schedule Development
- Component Cost Updates
- Test Article Planning Support
- Special Studies



Ares I Upper Stage Development Approach



Ames Research Center (ARC)
• Avionics & Software Support

ARC

JPL

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)
• USMS Pod Structure Design and Development

Glenn Research Center (GRC)
• TVC
• Electrical Power System
• Developmental Flight Instrumentation
• Hazardous Gas Detection

GRC

LaRC

Langley Research Center (LaRC)
• Structural Design Support
• Manufacturing Support

MSFC

Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)
• US Mgt, Design, and Integration

JSC

MAF

SSC

KSC

Johnson Space Center (JSC)
• Test Support at White Sands

Stennis Space Center (SSC)
• Test Planning and Support

Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF)
• Facility Services and Planning Support to ILS and Manufacturing & Assembly IPTs

Kennedy Space Center (KSC)
• Ground Umbilicals Development
• Propellant Systems Development @ MPTA Test Site

Ares I Design and Development at MSFC



- ◆ The Ares I Upper Stage is currently being designed and developed at the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, AL.
- ◆ Production of the Upper Stage will occur at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) in New Orleans.
- ◆ At MSFC, Friction Stir Welding equipment capable of assembling full-scale Ares I hardware has been installed and is fully operational in the Advanced Weld Development Facility at Building 4755.



Robotic Weld Tool



Vertical Weld Tool

Full Scale Welding Process Development



- ◆ The tools and equipment being installed in the Advanced Weld Development Facility will be used to assemble full-scale manufacturing demonstration and development articles.
- ◆ Full-Scale development allows engineers to trouble-shoot issues that will inevitably arise during the development of large scale hardware.
- ◆ Only at full scale can the true challenges associated with production be identified and dealt with.



Hardware Delivery



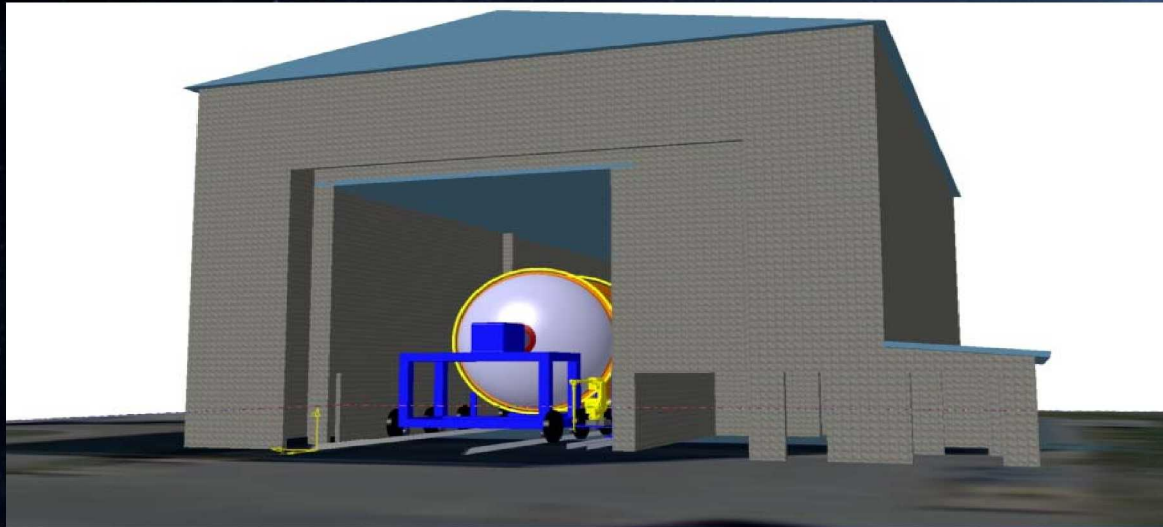
18-Foot Diameter 1-piece Y-Ring

Ares Vertical Milling Machining Center



- ◆ The Ares Vertical Milling Machine, currently being installed in MSFC Building 4705, will be the world's largest horizontal multi-access milling machine for machining large, complex parts.
- ◆ The Ingersoll Company in Rockford, IL, is building this 7-axis milling machine for MSFC and a second identical machine at MAF in New Orleans.
- ◆ The machines will primarily machine domes for the Ares I Upper Stage, cylindrical support tubes for Ares I, and bulkheads for Ares I.
- ◆ 4705 facility to be fully operational in September 2009.

TPS Development Facility Capabilities



- ◆ Provides both Thermal Protection System (TPS) primer and Spray-On Foam Installation (SOFI) material processing capabilities in a single Class I Div I Rated environmentally controlled facility
- ◆ Designed for booth temperatures of 65°F to 130°F and temperature dependent relative humidity ranges of 5 % to 75%
- ◆ Spray booth is 30 feet wide by 30 feet high by 85 feet long
- ◆ Working area can accommodate hardware up to 20 foot diameter and 70 foot length
- ◆ Provides a full-scale processing capability at MSFC for test articles and provides a backup capability for production
- ◆ 4765 facility to be fully operational in December 2009

Recent Upper Stage Test/Hardware Highlights



Manufacturing Demonstration Article (MDA) full dome weld
in Building 4755



Ullage Settling Motor System (USMS)
Heavy Weight Motor Hot-Fire Test



Reaction Control System (ReCS)
Development Test Article Delivery



Thrust Vector Control (TVC) 2-Axis Test Rig

Summary

◆ **The Ares I Upper Stage team is utilizing extensive lessons learned to place NASA and the United States into another great era of space exploration**

- Ares I team must build beyond its current capability to ferry astronauts and cargo to Low Earth Orbit
- To reach for Mars and beyond, the team must first reach for the moon
- We are using the best of NASA to design the stage, and the best of industry to build the stage

◆ **NASA and Boeing teams are now integrated, working together, and making good progress**

- Designing and building the Ares I Upper Stage to minimize:
 - Cost risks
 - Technical risks
 - Schedule risks

“This Nation has tossed its cap over the wall of space, and we have no choice but to follow it.”

– President John F. Kennedy, 1962

